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SUBJECT: ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION: AUTOMOBILES

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1. FRENCH PRESS RECENTLY REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY UAW. INVESTIGATION IS PRESENTED AS "A FURTHER STEP IN THE AMERICAN PROTECTIONIST OFFENSIVE". MOST PAPERS DREW ON STATEMENTS FROM FRENCH CAR-MAKERS IN ATTACKING UAW PROPOSAL.

2. MAIN POINTS MADE BY FRENCH CAR-MAKERS ARE: A) US US MANUFACTURERS (SIC) REFUSE OPEN COMPETITION IN US BUT HOPE TO PENETRATE EUROPEAN MARKETS WITH NEW SMALL CAR LINES. B) EUROPEAN PENETRATION OF US MARKET ONLY 20.4 TAKE OUT WHICH IS CONSIDERED REASONABLE. C) EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS HAVE INVESTED HEAVILY IN RECENT YEARS TO PROMOTE THEIR PRODUCTS IN US AND HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DISCOUNT "QUITE ARTIFICIAL AND PROBABLY TEMPORARY" WEAKNESS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DOLLAR IN THEIR PRICING POLICY TO PROTECT THAT INVESTMENT. D) UAW FOCUS ON EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS IS DISCRIMINATORY AND "POLITICAL", SINCE JAPAN IS REAL OFFENDER.

3. FRENCH PRESS IS APPARENTLY UNAWARE THAT US-OWNED  
OFFSHORE MANUFACTURERS IN EUROPE (E.G. FORD) ARE AMONG  
UAW TARGETS. RENAULT AND PEUGEOT, ONLY FRENCH-OWNED CAR  
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